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CHARLESTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL DRUG CHARGE

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Michael Moore, 28, of Charleston, pleaded guilty today in federal court before United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston to aiding and abetting the distribution of a quantity of heroin. Moore admitted that beginning in December 2010 and continuing until March 2011, he was involved with a group of associates in the distribution of heroin in the Charleston area. Moore further admitted to purchasing heroin from his associates and allowing the individuals to use his vehicle to distribute heroin. On December 30, 2010, Moore agreed to sell a quantity of heroin to an individual, who was actually a confidential informant working with the Metro Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT). The informant subsequently arrived at Moore's South Charleston apartment and gave the buy money to Moore. Moore admitted that his associate provided the informant with a quantity of heroin to complete the drug transaction. The suspected heroin field tested positive for the presence of heroin.

Moore faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine when he is sentenced on October 6, 2011.

This case was investigated by the Metro Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT). Assistant United States Attorney Monica Dillon is in charge of the prosecution.

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